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Pension to the widow & daughter of
Evans Bell.

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Dep^{y}. Telegram from Dewan.

to R. Knight Esq^{r}.

The Statesman Office

Calcutta.

Your letter 18 Sentt September. Please
wire address of Evans Bell's to
family"

& pd reply rcd

attended 19.5.89

Issue to Comptroller order as follows
"H.H. the Maharajah has been
pleased to sanction a State
pension of One hundred &
Eighty Pounds per annum ~~£~~ to
the widow ~~of the late~~ and
daughter of the late Major Evans
Bell ~~terminable~~ with effect from 1st January 1889.
the pension to be
terminable &c.

Point of
time ~~&~~ The Comptroller will arrange
for the payment of pension in

Ootacamund

14 May 1889.

May it please your Highness

In submitting these papers
relating to proposed pensions
for Major Evans Bell's
family, I beg to submit
that under the circ^{s}
explained in Sir Oliver
St. John's letter just now
received, the pensions
may if approved be
now given with effect
from 1st January 1889

Your Highness's most
Loyal humble Servt.

K Richardson

approved

C Dalhousie

15/5/89

England in such instalments
as may be deemed desired
by Mrs. Evans Bell. ~~~

I send copy of this to Mrs. Evans Bell
Care of R. Knight Esq.
Statesman Office
Calcutta

STATESMAN.
FRIEND OF INDIA.
INDIAN AGRICULTURIST.

The Statesman,
3. Chowringhee.

Calcutta, 1st September 1888

Dear Sir,

No 6.

K. Sheshadri Ayer

Esq

Dewan of Travancore

Madras

Dear Sir,

About three years ago, I wrote a letter to you briefly on the Karaite Question concerning the circumstances of the late Moopen Brahmin Bell, who in feeble health & deserted and in impoverished circumstances died as I knew suffering greatly from pecuniary embarrassments arising from a series of misfortunes that we had no power to avert. I received a kind answer but was told with to keep quiet. That I was necessary on unfortunately on difficulties of the time and matter to be used by others. Moopen Bell's son died and neglected duly to add, was left a widow and destitute circumstances. I would have written to you long since on the subject but I was informed by Sadasheva Aiyar that you in England, had written from there to appeal to a small circle of friends to make provision for the two ladies whom Moopen Bell has left behind him.

By a very strange coincidence on the same day that the Mail arrived with the letter from you, I received a letter from Sadasheva Aiyar informing me that he had very much at heart to make

to quit Canning from the Residency at Lucknow, and when he had pleaded earnestly with the Resident for a more merciful treatment of the Rohillas to only shew the Resident was resolved to shew, but Lord Canning on the same day on which he received the resolution for the recall of Outram telling him how much he sympathized with him & that he should be provided for otherwise. Back Bazar Bill despairing of any redress being made for the injuries done to Lords Cathcart & their Commissioners, and he resumed the murder about the year 1852. & was about home to plead the cause of those unhappy families in England. He pitched upon a very small pension but had done wrong of his own, and had no reason to fear the horrible which was brought him in after years.

Now you may possibly not know what is meant by the rack. That the rack would never have been given back to its inventor - but for Bazar Bill! The Rose Diamond hitherto. The foreign office at Calcutta had fully resolved never to give it. Lord Canning was under the belief that the old Maharajah had promised to bequeath the Kohinoor to the British crown when Sir John Lawrence was a determined annexationist. Back Bazar Bill did not despair, and in conjunction with his trusted and able friend the late Mr John Dickenson - set himself to the task of converting the Indian Office to a new determination on the subject. You have had the faintest idea - & such of the powerful influences arrayed against the restitution of the Koh. Bazar was built of Scottish offices and the Calcutta Foreign office had resolved never to yield. I look upon it as one of the greatest successes of our life in the last 20 years that we ever succeeded in this ambition. There would have been no Bazar Bill. Lord Canning - but for Bazar Bill. You may believe that absolutely

the Press could never have done it. It is quite true myself had something to do with it: but my influence nothing when compared with Major Bell's.

Well, he is dead and has left a widow and daughter in great poverty. Do you really not think them, that these Circumstances - the young restored Prince ought to give his own faithful friend & Countryman who did for him for Bigotry what no other Man could have done, and put his hand to save these ladies from the distress in which the husband and father has left them! Forgive my speaking so warmly. I am sure that it is because the Duchess does not know what he owed to the late Major Bell. That he will ever leave them in the poverty they are now enduring, is very sad to me that I have to make this appeal. I don't know who your Minister is just now, but you may show this letter to him wherever he is. If he knows the history of the "restoration" he will tell you that what "the King" says is true. There would have been no Bourbon on thrones to-day as a Kingdom - but for the noble man who represented your Princes cause when it was an outcast, and when the most powerful influences in the Country were determined never to acknowledge his "adoption" I hoped that my friend Sir Charles Bernard of Lincoln's Inn would have written to you at once about this Bell's Circumstances. I do not wish to put any extravagant arrangement in her behalf, but what would be a pension of £200 or £250 a year to the widow & daughter & one to whom Bigotry owes everything. Do let us have the pleasure of telling Mrs Bell that the Duchess has determined to make them provision for her - and

Believe me, My dear Sir
Your faithful friend
P Hargood

Confidential.

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File No 3-88
Serial No 2

Mysore.
23rd Sept 1888.

My dear Sir,

It has been brought to the notice of His Highness the Maharaja that the late Major Evans Bell has left his widow and a daughter 17 years old in very indigent circumstances and His Highness asks me to seek your advice as to what he should do. You are doubtless aware of the literary service rendered by Major Evans Bell to the late Maha-raja Krishnaraja Wodayar; his widow and daughter being now in

poverty, His Highness the Maharaja feels that, as an act of pure Compassion he should extend some help to the family of one who was so friendly to his father. His Highness has no desire to do anything which can be regarded as extravagant; but he would like to give a small compassionate State Pension to the widow and the daughter for a reasonable term. The Pension he would propose is £180 per annum terminable either by the death of the widow or the daughter's attainment of 25 years of age, whichever

event happens later in point of time.

His Highness asks me to enquire whether you think such a Pension may unobjectionably be given, and if you are of that opinion whether you will kindly oblige him by obtaining the approval of His Excellency the Viceroy.

With best regards

I remain

Yours Very Sincerely.

Sd. K. Sheshadri Iyer

To

Sir Harry Prendergast K.C.B., V.C

&c. &c

Draft submitted for approval & issuance with personal orders of Lord Ripon

approved.

Sd. C.R.W. 23/9/88

Bangalore

Confidential. 27th November 1888.

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My dear Dewan,

I must apologize for not having answered your letter of the 23d September sooner. Having regard to the nature of his writings and the virulence of his attacks upon the Government of India I am of opinion that that Government could not approve of the proposed pension or anything else which can be regarded as offering encouragement to men of Major Evans Bell's stamp, yet I am sure that H. E. the

Governor General in Council would not desire to interfere with the discretion of His Highness the Maharaja if he ~~would~~ wished to extend help to the family of his Father's friend.

If the suggestion were made, the Government of India would be placed in a false position, they would have either to recognize the encouragement of mischievous agitation against themselves, or to return a refusal, which might be plausibly called vindictive, to a compassionate proposal for helping two poor

women.

Under these circumstances I think that you will agree with me that the application could hardly be submitted with propriety to the Government of India, though they would fully appreciate His Highness' motives in making the reference.

Believe me.

Yours very sincerely

Sd/ H. N. D. Bendergast

K. Sheshadri Iyer Esqr. C.S.I

Dewan of Mysore

Colacommnd.
May 12 - 1889.

My dear Sir,

His Highness mentioned to me your remarks regarding the condition of Major Evans Bells family. I send for your perusal some previous D O Correspondence on the subject. I had to drop the matter upon receipt of Sir Harry Prendergasts letter dated 27th Nov 1888. I did not agree with him nor

did the Maharaja, but we dropped the matter out of a desire not to place the Govt. of India "in a false position" though my own private opinion was that no such result would ensue, as the matter was entirely within our own ordinary jurisdiction and my letter was due to a desire that in such a case we ought to do nothing without giving previous intimation to the Govt of India

of our own wishes and to act according to the opinion of His Excellency the Viceroy should he express any opinion at all.

I have not replied to Mr. Knights' letter and have no intention of doing so.

I shall now gladly do anything you advise.

Yours sincerely

To Col. Sir Oliver St John K.C.S.I

May 14 - 1889.

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My dear Dewan,

I am much obliged for the correspondence about the pension proposed to be given to the widow & daughter of major Evans Bell. I think you have misunderstood the purport of Sir H. Prendergast's reply. I

The fact is the matter was privately referred to

Lord Dufferin who fully
appreciated His Highness
motive in resolving not to
do anything without the
approval of the Government
of India. He might easily
have given ~~per~~ the
pension without saying any-
-thing about it.

What Sir H. Prendergast
wished to express was that
while the question was

not one that could ~~easily~~
properly be submitted for
formal sanction to the
Govt of India, it is one in
which the Viceroy would
not wish in the least to
interfere with His Highness
discretion. He may rest
assured that in follow-
-ing the dictates of his
kind heart and relieving
the distress of the widow
and daughter of his

1889-90

To

The Comptroller

Wm Evans Bell

19th May 1890

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Proceedings of the Govt of Mysore

Order. No 1364-5-74 of 19th May 1889.

His Highness the Maharaja has been pleased to sanction a State pension of £ 180/ (One Hundred and eighty Pounds only) per annum to the widow and daughter of the late Major Evans Bell with effect from 1st January 1889. The said pension will be terminable either by the death of the riders or the daughter's attainment of 25 years age, whichever event happens later in point of time. The Comptroller will arrange for the payment of the pension in England in such instalments as may be

desired by Mrs Evans Bell.

Chief Secy

To The Comptroller.

Copy to Mrs Evans Bell,
Care of R. Knight Esq.
Statesman Office
Calcutta.

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19/5.

If you get Mrs Bell's address.
Send her a copy with an appropriate
short D.O. letter. hy
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His Excellency Knight
His Steward
of Mysore
K Shivadurg
Agent C.S.I.

Serial No

Mrs Evans Bells.
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she was remo-
-ving from 111 C
Addison Road
Kensington to
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Square Bloomsbury

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with reference to
the Dewan's orders
at the foot of the
order sanctioning
a State Pension to
Mrs Evans Bell
Mark
22/5/89

(General Serial No. 30.) 15714

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From Major Genl L. R. Testing
South Kensington Museum SW
London

To

The Chief Secretary to the
Dewan of Mysore.

Dated 16 June 93

Despatched

Received

Enclosures No.

General No.
No.

Requesting that the pension granted to Miss Evans Bell may be extended for life or at least as long as she is unmarried.

References to be marked.

The same & the Comptr

Noo 2588-5 d 11/6/93
G 6421-2

Mysore Govt. C. Press, Bangalore.—30-6-92—3[illegible].

3 Residence 16 Kensington Mansions
S.W.

16th June 1893

Dear Sir

I write to you at the suggestion of my friend Sir Henry Prendergast on behalf of the daughter of the late Major Evans Bell

It is no doubt within your knowledge that in 1869 H.H. the Maharajah granted a pension to the widow and daughter of Major Evans Bell, which is to cease on the death of the widow or the attainment of the age of 25 by the daughter.

clh

at that time, the late Mr Knight
Editor of the "Calcutta Statesman";
who was, I understand, instrumental
in getting the pension for her, and
Mrs Bell had it been a matter
to limit the daughters pension at
the age of 25 and that it should have
been forfeit. Mrs Bell was then,
however, doing credit to her profession
of teacher of education and took no
further steps in the matter.

She is now dying, having been
ill for a long time, and moreover
being of an impulsive and generous
disposition, though certainly with

extravagant in herself, her own
savings have melted away, and
on her death the daughter will
have, having nothing to live upon
but the pension which will cease in
three years. She is a charming
and very pretty girl, and under
the mother's constant attention, was working
hard at drawing and painting
in order to train herself to earn a
living. She is very painstaking
but I fear that her talents is not
sufficient, and that she will
never make a living out of Art.

I have no doubt that the Archbishop has many calls on his private purse and that — like the rest of us — he finds it impossible to say 'yes' to all appeals; but I hope he may be disposed to at least give his "favourable consideration" to this one for an extension of Miss Bell's pension to her life — or at least as long as she is unmarried.

I feel that I owe you many apologies for troubling you — a stranger to accept — in this way; my only excuse is that I do it on behalf of a lady for whom and for whose mother (who from having taught my daughter became a friend of mine) I have a very warm regard.

Believe me
yours very truly
Edmund Gosse

Edmund Gosse Esq

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Govt Pro

No: 2585 / 7/9-8-93
G.641

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No 8

Order

The pension of £ 180 per annum granted in Govt Progs No 1364-5/74 of 19 May 1874 is terminable either by the death of Mrs Evans Bell or by her daughter's attainment of 25 years of age whichever event might happen later in point of time. Under the circs now represented H.H. the Maharajah is pleased to sanction a reduced pension of £ 100 per annum to the daughter, from the time the present pension of £ 180 might terminate in either of the ways above specified, for such period as she may remain unmarried.

7/8/93.

To The Comptroller & Secty Mysore

Mysore Miss Evans Bell care

No: 2586/G.642. of Major Genl E.R. Elsting

No 3 Residency, Straits.

Kensington Museum,

London S.W.

Read again -

Government Proceedings No. 1364-5/74 dated the 19th May 1889, sanctioning a State Pension of £180/- per annum to the widow and daughter of the late Major Evans Bell from 1st January 1889, and directing that the said pension will be terminable either by the death of the widow or the daughter's attainment of 25 years of age, whichever event happens later in point of time.

Read also - Letter dated London, 16th June 1893, from Major General E. R. Festing, to the address of the Private Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja asking that in consider-

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consideration of the extreme old age of the widow and the straitened circumstances of the daughter, the pension may be made tenable during Miss Bell's life, or at least as long as she is unmarried.

Order.

Under the circumstances represented, and in modification of the terms of the grant as recorded in Govt Progs. for 1864-5. dated 19th May 1884, His Highness the Maharaja is pleased to sanction the continuance of the pension

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of £180/- (one hundred & eighty only) per annum, ~~to Miss Bell, during~~ after ~~divorce~~ Mrs Evans Bell's lifetime, to her daughter Miss Evans Bell so long as she may remain unmarried —

Her lifetime
or
such time as
she may remain
unmarried

Section
File No

Chief Secy

To

The Comptroller to
Mysore Govt.
Ewin

Copy to Miss Bell,
care of
Major General E. R. Festing,
No 3. Residence.
South Kensington Museum,
S. W. London

23 Holland Park Avenue
W & A London

Sec 3 Oct. 14th 1898.

Your Highness!

It is with hesitation, after the kindness bestowed upon me by the State of Mysore for the sake of my beloved Father, Major Evans Bell, that I venture to address your Highness.

While expressing my thanks, I have to notify that I am now engaged to be married to

Fr. Herbert Mills.

I understand that the pension granted to me two years ago, will cease on my marriage, but I have been told that considering the short time which has elapsed since this pension has been granted, it is possible that your Highness might be so generous as to make some grant to me on the occasion of my marriage, which would enable me to make arrange-

end

I send my
photograph and that of my
intended husband.

Whatever may be the decision
of your Highness, I send
my grateful thanks,
and remain
Yours faithfully
Ernestine Evans Bell

Her Highness the Maharani Sahib of Mysore

~~to~~ to be married at the
of the present year.
~~re~~ to enclose a
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Read again

Govt Dpo: No 2583
Q 641
Dated the 7th August 93
Cancelling a pension
of £100 per annum
to Miss Ernestine
for Uncle Menzies and the
right pension re-
-mained

Read letter dated
14th October 98 from
Miss Ernestine Evans
Bell stating that she
is engaged to be
married at the end
of the present year
& collecting a grant
on the occasion
of her marriage

Order.

A grant of £200
(two hundred) is
sanctioned & will be
paid to Miss Ernestine
Evans Bell on the
occasion of her
~~marriage~~ marriage
The Lord Rosslyn

Dpo: 7657-8 Of 24/12/98
Mis 1728

requested to make very
careful arrangements.
for such Monument.

Yours
23/12/18.

To
Capt Ernestine Evan. Bell
23 Holland Park Avenue
London
The Imperial War Museum
Govt.

Cus 2084.

OFFICE OF THE RESIDENCE MYSORE
1899 5505 12 JAN 99

From

The Comptroller
to the Govt of Mysore

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore,
Rev. and Gen. Depts.

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Dated 5/6 January 1899

Despatched

Received

General No. 77
No. 1199

Enclosure No.

Intimating that Messrs. Coutts & Co have been instructed to pay to Miss Ernestine Evans Bell the sum of £200 for her marriage and stating that the equivalent of the Sterling payment will be adjusted in the accounts of the State by our Treasury.

References to be marked.

Submitted to Secy

Thus may be recorded

19/1/99

Treasury Account Department

Finl Q]

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, MYSORE.

BANGALORE, 5 January 1899

No. 77
1199

From

E. R. SUBRAYER, ESQ.,

Comptroller, Mysore Govt.

To The Secretary to the Government of Mysore
General and Revenue Department

Miss Ernestine Bruns Bell
23. Montague Road Avenue
London

SIR,

With reference to ~~your letter~~ Proceedings No. 7657-8 dated 24 Dec. 1898 (mis 1729)
I have the honor to intimate that Messrs. Coutts & Co., London, have, in my letter No. 1269 dated 5 January 1899, been instructed to pay to the party named in the margin the sum of £ 200/ on application on account of a grant to Miss Ernestine Bruns Bell on the occasion of her marriage
and that the equivalent of the Sterling payment ~~at~~ ~~per rupee, namely~~, ~~Rs~~ will be adjusted in the accounts of the State Huzur Treasury an intimation of payment by Messrs Coutts & Co ~~for the current month by debit to the head~~

~~and to request that a bill for the amount may be furnished at an early date in support of the debit.~~

I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your most obedient servant,

Asst Comptroller.

I have explained the matter to Roberts today & he seems to be quite satisfied that there is no grounds for any action on his part. DJK.

Bangalore
18/2/99

My dear Dewan.

Will you kindly let me have a statement of the facts connected with Part-II. General St. 133, Bops. for December 1898. page 12- grant of £200 to Miss Bell

yours sincy.

Sd. Donald Roberts